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Thought for the Day

Jesus Calls and Sends

Jesus calls and sends us to find the “lost sheep” to tell them of the Good News of the Kingdom. Who are the lost sheep? They are the ones who already belong, but somehow strayed or do not know yet that they already belong to God’s flock. They suffer and we bring them God’s work of healing the sick, of restoring the outcast, of bringing relief to all physical, mental, social, and spiritual sufferings. St John Chrysostom wrote: ‘Nothing is colder than a Christian who does not care for the salvation of others.’ Today’s Gospel may well be a call to us to break out of our little ice cubes.

Jesus is the icon of God the Father. He gives a face to the love and compassion of the Father. And Jesus calls us to offer service and the Good News to all, without seeking a return for ourselves. It is our Christian life to be chosen, just as the twelve apostles were chosen, sent as they were sent. Somewhere in this world, there is someone for whom I am God’s gift of His presence, of His love, of His compassion.

As St Teresa of Avila reminds us.

Christ has no hands... He has only our hands to do His work today.

Christ has no feet... He has only our feet to guide men along His path.

Christ has no lips... He has only our lips to announce Him to the people of today.

Christ has no means... He has only our help to lead people to Himself.

We are the only Bible that people still read. We are the last message of God

Written in words and in deeds.

Fr Gerard Jonas - mepkinabbey.org

Some Light Humour – Two caterpillars were chewing a leaf together as a butterfly passed over head. One of them nudged the other, and said, “They’ll never get me to go up in one of those things.”

INFORMATION EVENING FOR MASS READERS, THIS TUESDAY EVENING

Members of the Cloyne Liturgy Commission are presenting an Information Evening for Mass Readers and for those considering joining this ministry in their parish. The evening will include information on the Ministry of the Word and practical guidelines, with time for questions, answers, and discussion over a cup of tea. Take-home informational material will also be provided to each attendee. The information evening for Parishes in the Fermoy area will be held this coming Tuesday 16th June, 7.30 - 9 pm at Fermoy Community Youth Centre, Ashe Quay, Fermoy P61TK73. All Mass Readers are invited to attend.

Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating the world day for grandparents and the elderly. Sunday, 26th July 2026- Knock Shrine commencing at 2.30pm with the anointing of the sick. A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. All are welcome. Visit our website for resources: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland. Director of Music Una Nolan and Choirs. Guest Soloist Dana Rosemary Scallo.

Day for Life - On this year's Day for Life, Sunday 21st June, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

National Pilgrimage for Life – The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 20th June in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Niall Coll. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Prayer for Good Humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I.' Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others. St Thomas More (1478-1535)

Jesus still calls us

Jesus still calls, as he called the twelve, to continue the loving ministry of Jesus in the world. At baptism, we receive the water of God's love and the oil of service, completed in confirmation, marriage and ordination. The needs of God's people are as great today as then. In a world of addiction, suicide, confusion, poverty, injustice and many other big needs, Jesus still looks and sees people 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He calls each of us, male and female, young and old into his service.

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Life in the Spirit Talks – facilitated by MIR Ministries in Glanworth Church on Friday nights at 8pm. Starting Friday 12th June to Friday 17th July. Everyone warmly welcome. Followed by light refreshments. For further information contact Geraldine 086-1610330.

Masses during the week in the Parish Church – 15th to 19th June 2026

- Monday to Friday: Rosary: 9:30am Mass: 10am
- Friday: Divine Mercy: 3pm.

Confessions 20th June 2026

- Confessions in Parish Church: Saturday 12 Noon

Parish Masses on Sunday 21st June 2026

Parish Church – Vigil 7:30pm; 8:30am and 11:30am. **Ballygiblin;** – 10:00am.

Please note Mass times are displayed on Church Noticeboards.

Eucharistic Adoration: Fr John Keane, Spiritual Director for Eucharistic Adoration in the Cloyne Diocese will be coming to the Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin, Mitchelstown on **Monday 29th June** to lead a Holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. All are invited to come.

Venerable Matt Talbot's Story – Feast Day – Thursday 18th June

Matt Talbot can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism. He was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic.

One day he decided to take “the pledge” for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt's first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking.

Most of his life Matt Talbot worked as a builder's labourer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions.

After 1923, Matt's health failed, and he was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI gave Matt Talbot the title venerable. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 19.

Reflection - In looking at the life of Matt Talbot, we may easily focus on the later years when he had stopped drinking for some time and was leading a penitential life. Only alcoholic men and women who have stopped drinking can fully appreciate how difficult the earliest years of sobriety were for Matt.

He had to take one day at a time. So do the rest of us.

Venerable Matt Talbot is the Patron Saint of: Alcoholics/Recovery from Substance Abuse and Addictions.

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Collection for Sick and Retired Priests: The annual collection for retired priests will take place at all Masses the weekend of June **20th/21st June 2026**. The retirement age for priests of this Diocese is 75 years. A generous response to this collection will help the Diocese to continue to be able to care for our retired priests, many of whom have given over fifty years of service to us. You may also help to support our retired priests in the following ways: 1) Make a donation directly to the fund. 2) Consider making a bequest for this purpose in your Will. The Cloyne Sick Priests Benevolent Fund is a registered Charity and its accounts are audited each year and submitted to the Charity Regulator. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated by our sick and retired priests.

Dates for your Diary:

• **Marshalstown Cemetery:** The **Annual Mass will be held in the Cemetery on Monday, 6th July at 7.30pm.**

Liturgy and Worship Renewal: People care deeply about the Mass and worship, but many felt liturgy needs to be more engaging, accessible, and beautiful. Calls for renewal were frequent, especially to help young people and newcomers feel connected: “Renewing our liturgy also featured prominently with comment on language, participation, involvement, singing and somehow connecting liturgy and the Word to life.” Liturgy was affirmed as central but often experienced as stale or disengaging, particularly for younger generations. Some expressed that “liturgy is important to everyone, but some people find it uninspiring and in need of renewal.” Others stressed “the need for more inclusive language, participation, and a sense of belonging through worship.” Concerns included that “liturgical language and symbolism are often inaccessible or outdated, particularly for young people and those unfamiliar with Church traditions.” Several called to “review how liturgy is celebrated to ensure it supports participation, community, and mission.” Renewal was linked with lay participation: “people expressed a desire for more active involvement in liturgy, especially in music and lay ministries.” The underlying hope was for worship that is beautiful, relevant, and capable of drawing people into deeper communion.

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C.B.S. Primary School:

ALL WELCOME to join with **C.B.S. Primary** staff and pupils for their **Annual End of Year Mass**, to thank God for a wonderful school year. This Mass will be celebrated in the **Parish Church on Thursday, 18th June at 11.30am.**

All at CBS Primary would like to sincerely thank the people of Mitchelstown and its environs, for their continued goodwill and co-operation.

Ballygiblin NS School Fete will take place **this Sunday 14th June 2026**, from 1.30pm to 4.00pm at the school Eircode P67 PK30. This is a great family fun day out and assists in raising money for the school. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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**Parish Office Open 9am -11.30am Monday to Friday only,
Parish office opening hours may vary over the summer months.
(Closed Holydays and Public Holidays)**

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- All Anniversary/Months Mind Masses and Weddings must be booked directly with one of the Priests of the Parish; they are not booked through the Parish Office.
- All Baptisms must be booked directly with Patricia in the Parish Office.
- Signed Mass Cards for all occasions are on sale in the Parish Office (Cash only).
- When writing Cheques to the Parish, please issue them to ‘Mitchelstown Parish’